

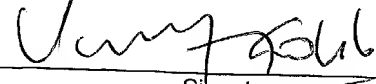
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Docket No. 35853.1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Henrik Stender et al.

SERIAL NO. : 08/943,777                      ART UNIT: 1643  
FILED : 10/3/97  
FOR : Novel Probes for the Detection of Mycobacteria

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 12".

Please cancel claims 25-34 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24, 35 and 36 are in the application for prosecution on the merits. These claims have been elected as per the restriction requirement that issued in 08/943,777 dated July 1, 1999.

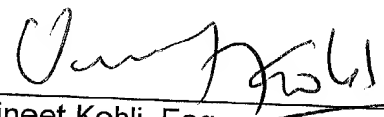
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1855.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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